



St Paul's Post - Issue 2



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TOGETHER WE ARE GROWING IN STRENGTH, GROWING IN WISDOM, GROWING IN FAITH

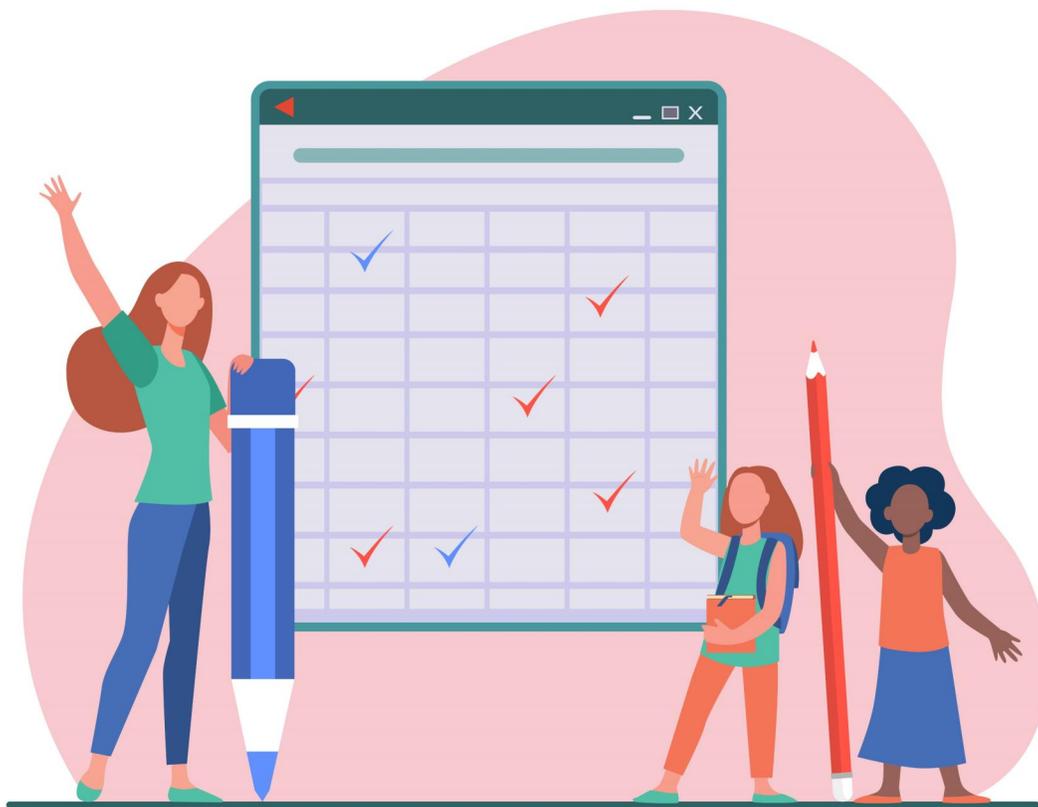
Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term.

We hope you were able to enjoy a peaceful and restful Christmas break, with time to relax and share special moments with your families. As we begin the new year, we would like to thank you, in advance, for your continued support and engagement with our school newsletters. This will remain our main way of sharing the most up-to-date calendar dates, along with any important information and reminders.

We are also delighted to introduce a new **Class Spotlight** section in the newsletter, beginning this year with **Owls**. We hope you enjoy learning a little more about what has been happening in each class. If there is anything you would find helpful to be included in future newsletters, please feel free to let us know.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school at the end of January for our **Stay & Play** sessions and **Step Into Learning Week**, and hope to see many of you there.

Attendance Award



1st Place - Swifts

2nd Place - Sparrows

3rd Place - Kingfishers

Huge congratulations to **Swifts class** who had a whopping 100% attendance last week. We look forward to hearing about how they choose to celebrate.

Before Christmas, **Sparrows** Class were the attendance winners for the Autumn Term for their outstanding achievement! They chose to 'kick' Owls off the benches as their reward during Collective Worship! Congratulations Sparrows...

Calendar Dates



Please see more calendar dates here on our [website](#).

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Spring 1		
DATE	EVENT	YEAR GROUP
Tuesday 6 th January	Spring Term Begins	Whole School
Friday 9 th January	Swifts Cake Sale	Whole School
Monday 12 th January	Kickboxing Taster session day	Whole School
Thursday 15 th January	CENSUS DAY - Please order hot school meal	Whole School
Thursday 15 th January	Swimming begins	Finches
Friday 16 th January	Break the Rules Day	Whole School
Friday 23 rd January	Class Assembly 9:00 - parents welcome	Finches
WK Beginning: Monday 26 th January	Stay and Play - All parents invited into school	EYFS/KS1 (Wrens, Kingfishers, Robins, Swifts)
WK Beginning: Monday 26 th January	Stay and Step into Learning - All parents invited into school	KS2 (Sparrows, Finches, Firecrests, Owls)
Tuesday 3 rd February	Building Calm and Confident Children Course for parents of Wrens, Kingfishers and Robins - 9:00-11:00	Wrens, Kingfishers, Robins
Friday 6 th February	Class Assembly 9:00 - parents welcome	Sparrows
Friday 6 th February	Wrens Cake Sale	Whole School
Friday 13 th February	Break up for Half Term	Whole School

Stay and Step into Learning Timetable:

Monday 26th January

Firecrests: 9:00 - 10:00

Sparrows: 10:30 - 11:30

Tuesday 27th January

Swifts: 10:30 - 11:30

Robins: 10:45 - 11:45

Owls: 10:30 - 11:30

Writing Wonder of the Term



In the brooding sky, roaring German planes dropped barrage after barrage. While chaos was above, Edmond's eyes fixated on the deadly plane through the living room window. "Get away from there," Edmond's mum shouted. At that second mum closed the curtains, faster than lightening!

By Hadley in Owls class

General News



INSET DATES FOR 2026/2027

Our school INSET dates are as follows:

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

STAFFING UPDATE:

We are pleased to welcome Fasna Kuttikkattill to our school staff team. A qualified primary school teacher with a wealth of experience, she will be joining us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, primarily supporting Sparrows and Finches classes, and will be known to the children as Mrs K. We are also delighted to welcome back Kate Dobey, who will be working in Swifts as a trainee teacher / SCITT student until February half term as part of her placement. We are fortunate to have both Mrs Kuttikkattill and Mrs Dobey with us.

SCHOOL REMINDERS:

LATENESS:

We have seen an increasing number of pupils arriving late to school recently, between 8:45am & 9:00am. By this time, teaching and learning are already well underway, and late arrival means children miss important learning opportunities and routines that support their progress. Research shows that regular lateness, even by as little as five minutes per day, can accumulate

to a significant loss of learning time over the course of a school year. In addition, arriving late requires children to enter an already established classroom independently, which can be unsettling and disruptive to both the child and the class. Our school gates open at **8:35am** and close promptly at **8:45am**, and we kindly ask for your support in ensuring children arrive on time to benefit fully from their learning from the very start of the day.

PARKING:

Please be considerate when parking during drop-off and pick-up times. We have received numerous complaints from local residents about unsafe and inconsiderate parking. Stopping on yellow lines, blocking driveways, or parking in a way that obstructs pavements puts children and pedestrians at risk, especially those walking to school. The safety of our children must always come first, and we ask all parents to respect our neighbours and follow parking regulations at all times.

HOME LEARNING:

We would like to remind parents that, while we have significantly reduced the amount of home learning set, it remains important that children complete the agreed minimum. We have noticed that some children are currently not completing any home learning, and we appreciate your support with this. The absolute minimum expectation is daily reading and daily practice on Times Tables Rock Stars, which we recommend as it engages children and helps them regularly revisit key skills that are essential for their progress.

Owls Class Spotlight



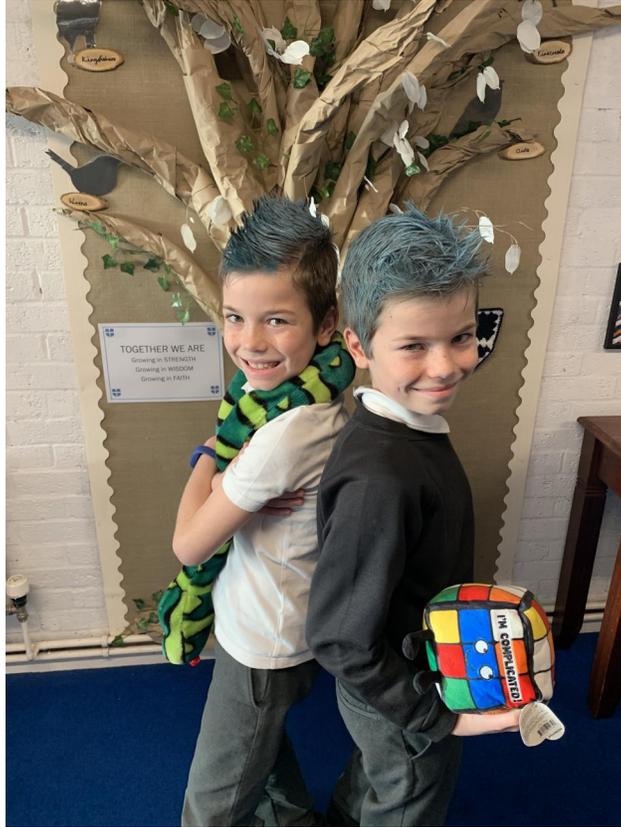


Our first class spotlight this term is OWLS. Thank you to Kai, Sienna, Mia K and Luca for their update.

We have loved coming back to school after the Christmas holidays as we all got to see our friends, who we had missed. We started off our new English unit watching some of '**The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe**' which was a fun way to begin a unit. We have also been reading '**Letters from a Lighthouse**' in English, which is a book about World War 2 and is really interesting. In our writing we have been learning about different adverbials and how they can move our story writing on; we love the skills lessons as they teach us so much about how to write. The whole class has come back to school feeling very courageous and determined not to ever give up on something, even when we find it tricky.

BREAK THE RULES DAY











Marvellous Manners



We have been focusing in on our Marvellous Manners during lunchtimes at school and have introduced an award for those children consistently demonstrating them. As their reward the children will be invited to a 'Top Table' on the stage on a Friday lunchtime. Huge congratulations to our first winners.

Finches Swimming



Community News



Buckinghamshire
Family Learning



Everyday First Aid

Led by a qualified first aider

For parents and carers of children at
St Paul's Cof E Combined school

Wednesday 25th February
9.00-11.30



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